1931 February

George Sindermann's birthday. I went with him & Katherine to dinner at La Ribera. I bought a 30¢ cake to celebrate with the single candle they got at the Jack & Jill shop. We had a good meal, & shared the cake with the schoolteachers at the next table.

The new waitress is a very lovely girl.

1931 May 25 Monday

Dick Johnson came up, ready to work for a week or two, @ $4.00 a day in cash & $4 more applied to his debt to us.

Started roof over exposed part of 7 Arts balcony.

1931 May 28 Thursday

Opening night of The Dreaming Husband at Studio Theatre of the Golden Bough.

C ate out, early. Mary & I ate at Olivia Warfield's "Tea Cozy." Prunk dinner. Then to the play. C not at her best. Too precise & unreal in emotional scenes, good in light scenes. Her face, esp. mouth, looks so drawn & tired. Too much going out, too little normal life, too much lack of vital interest. Galt Bell acting very good, but not much variety. Ethridge as Guardian perfect, & Bud Mills as Prince a surprise. Gertrude Anderson excellent. Play better than in reading, but no masterpiece.

Row with C over not letting Ray & his friend (whom we went to Monterey to bring over from train) have the

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Auburn to take C to Del Monte etc

after the show & party at Kuster's.

Party was enjoyable. Milk & cognac,

with ham sandwiches & talk.

Kuster's baby looks just like him

Party done at 2 a.m.

And so to bed.

1931 May 29 Friday

up at 9:30, feeling fairly well. not much pain.

C home at 6 a.m.

Worked all day at shop.

Cornelson got a fine lot of second hand books from Beckman (who married Ann Cowdery) for $18.00. We bought them to his shop in the Auburn.

I was supposed to be meeting to commemorate re 161st b'day celebration. Didn't.

Ate dinner alone at Blue Bird. Excellent. And Pearl is the best waitress.

Early show 7-9, Otto Skinner in Honest Jerrick.

To Central Playhouse for 2nd & 3rd acts of Dreamers Husband. Very lovely setting Peter Friedrichson has made.

1931 May 30 Saturday

Rose late after a poor night.

Got through a lot of minor things, but too miserable for real work.

Edward Weston (& Sonia Kokkevich) busy moving into Studio #1. He lent me his fine portrait of Jeffers to put in poetry section of the bookshop.

Some crime wrote sent a copy of an intimate letter from Jeffers, offering it for sale at $75!

Cornelison priced the load of books he bought for $18 yesterday. Total of his selling prices $265! I think I'll go into the used book business!

C out, so cooked my own dinner.

Too tired to go to Vasia's rented a 3rd & last part. of The Chinese Husband.

1931 May 31 Sunday

Up at 8:30 after a restless night, with some pain.

C out. Nice breakfast alone.

Cleaned up rubbish, etc.

Soaked off my corn & cut my toe-nails & felt much better.

Got through some routine reading, & then ate an orange.

Gloomy, disagreeable day, but good for home work.

Office till 5:30

Dined at La Ribera

To Vasia Anikeef's recital at Denny-Watrous Gallery.